

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

May 2013

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.5 percent between April 2013 and May 2013 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the May All-items Index increased from April 2013 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and inter-city transportation. Prices also rose for traveller accommodations, fresh fruit and men's clothing.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, prescribed medicines and women's clothing. Prices also fell for household appliances, non-electrical kitchen utensils, tableware and cookware, non-alcoholic beverages and preserved fruit and fruit preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.2 percent between May 2012 and May 2013 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.5 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The May All-items Index increased from May 2012 primarily due to higher prices for rent, electricity, water and property taxes (including special charges). Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, women's clothing and tuition fees.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, recreation equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and travel tours. Prices also declined for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and mortgage insurance cost.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>Apr. 2013</u>	<u>Apr. 2013</u>	<u>May 2012</u>
	(2002 = 100)		<u>to</u>	<u>to</u>
			<u>May 2013</u>	<u>May 2013</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	126.0	125.4	0.5	1.2
Food	134.6	133.7	0.7	2.4
Shelter	149.0	148.9	0.1	1.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.2	108.7	-0.5	1.1
Clothing and Footwear	98.8	98.4	0.4	2.1
Transportation	120.7	119.5	1.0	-0.6
Health and Personal Care	116.4	116.5	-0.1	1.5
Recreation, Education and Reading	107.6	105.9	1.6	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	151.0	150.2	0.5	5.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	124.2	123.8	0.3	1.4
Energy	144.1	140.4	2.6	0.3
CANADA				
All-Items	123.0	122.7	0.2	0.7
Food	132.6	132.1	0.4	1.3
Shelter	128.3	128.2	0.1	1.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	114.0	114.3	-0.3	1.1
Clothing and Footwear	93.9	94.7	-0.8	0.5
Transportation	129.2	128.6	0.5	-0.5
Health and Personal Care	118.3	118.6	-0.3	-0.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.5	105.2	1.2	-0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	141.1	140.1	0.7	2.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	120.1	119.9	0.2	0.7
Energy	159.3	158.0	0.8	1.0
REGINA				
All-Items	127.0	126.5	0.4	1.5
SASKATOON				
All-Items	126.0	125.4	0.5	0.8

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2013</u> to <u>May 2013</u>	<u>May 2012</u> to <u>May 2013</u>
Canada	0.2	0.7
Newfoundland	0.0	1.1
Prince Edward Island	-0.5	1.6
Nova Scotia	-0.3	0.6
New Brunswick	-0.2	-0.1
Quebec	0.1	0.7
Ontario	0.1	0.5
Manitoba	0.3	1.8
Saskatchewan	0.5	1.2
Alberta	0.6	2.3
British Columbia	0.6	-0.6
Whitehorse	0.8	0.9
Yellowknife	0.1	1.0
Iqaluit	0.6	1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	<u>Apr. 2013</u> to <u>May 2013</u>	<u>May 2012</u> to <u>May 2013</u>
St. John's	0.0	1.0
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.5	1.6
Halifax	-0.2	0.7
Saint John	-0.2	-0.2
Quebec City	0.1	0.7
Montreal	0.2	0.7
Ottawa	0.1	0.5
Toronto	0.1	0.7
Thunder Bay	0.2	0.3
Winnipeg	0.3	1.8
Regina	0.4	1.5
Saskatoon	0.5	0.8
Edmonton	0.5	2.1
Calgary	0.6	2.5
Vancouver	0.6	-0.9
Victoria	0.7	-0.4
Whitehorse	0.8	0.9
Yellowknife	0.1	1.0
Iqaluit	0.6	1.1